

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-53 and 56-68 are pending in this application. A Notice of Allowance was issued for these claims on November 30, 2009. No claims are canceled or added herein.

It is requested that claim 1 and claim 23 be amended to refer to "a return time" instead of "said return time". Similarly, it is requested that claim 11 be amended to refer to "a blood removal time" instead of "said blood removal time". These particular dependent claims do not contain proper antecedent basis for the terms "said return time" and "said blood removal time". It is believed the use of the article "a" is therefore more appropriate.

It is requested that claim 44 be amended to depend from claim 42 instead of claim 27. Claim 44 is a dependent claim which depends from independent claim 27. Additional dependent claims which depend from claim 44 refer to "the draw cycle"; however, current claim 44 itself does not contain proper antecedent basis for "the draw cycle". This can be corrected by amending claim 44 to depend from claim 42 which does contain antecedent basis for "the draw cycle". Currently both claim 42 and claim 44 depend from independent claim 27.

It is also requested that dependent claim 51 be amended to delete the term "said removed component" and insert the term "said recirculated component". The term "removed component" does not appear anywhere else in the claims and is a typographical error. The term should be "recirculated component" as is used in the preceding lines of the claim.

These amendments correct minor typographical errors and do not alter the scope of the allowed claims. It is believed no new matter is added by these amendments.

It is also believed that this submission does not require the payment of any fees. However, if this is incorrect, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,

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